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BEGIN SUMMARY: MESSAGE TRANSMITS POSITION SUMMARY AND KEY POINTS TO BE USED BY DIRECTOR DEFENSE RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING (DDRANDE), DR. CURRIE, AT THE CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS (CNAD), OCTOBER 29-31, 1974, COMMENTS KEYED TO REFERENCE. END SUMMARY.

I. REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN.

WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED A PRELIMINARY COPY OF THE REPORT. YOU SHOULD NOTE THE REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN ON ELEMENTS AFFECTING NATO COOPERATION, AND COMMENT AS APPROPRIATE.

II. APPROVAL OF THE DECISION SHEET AND SUMMARY RECORD OF THE LAST MEETING.

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YOU MAY WISH TO MAKE POINT THAT DECISION SHEET MUST ACCURATELY REFLECT THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONFERENCE AND THE DECISIONS OF THE NADS.

III. NAVAL ISSUES OF CONCERN TO NATO.

THE USN PREPARED AND DD RANDE APPROVED PAPERS ON 11 ISSUES OF POSSIBLE COOPERATION AND THESE HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO SACLANC FOR INCORPORATION INTO AC/259-D/401. YOU SHOULD COMMENT AS APPROPRIATE.

NAVAL ISSUES AC/259-D/403. THIS DOCUMENT WAS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR FORMAL STAFFING AND REPLIES; HOWEVER, THE U.S. DELEGATION WILL HAVE PRELIMINARY COMMENTS. IF PARTICULAR ITEMS OF MUTUAL NATO INTEREST DEVELOP, WE WILL HAVE TO STUDY THE PROBLEMS AND ISSUES IN DEPTH.

IV. (A). FUTURE DIRECTION OF EFFORTS.

YOU SHOULD NOTE REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF ELEMENTS AFFECTING NATO COOPERATION AND COMMENT AS APPROPRIATE.

(B). THE ALLIANCE DEFENSE INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY.

YOU MAY COMMENT THAT THE ADIT STUDY IS CONSTRAINED TO THE BOUNDS SET BY CNAD, SPECIFICALLY PARAGRAPH 14, ANNEX II, AC/259-D/379. MAXIMUM USE SHOULD BE MADE OF AVAILABLE DATA. COLLECTION OF INFORMATION CONCERNING PRODUCTION, TEST AND EVALUATION, FACILITY ANALYSIS, AND COMPARATIVE ANALYSES OF WARSAW PACT EFFORTS SHOULD BE AVOIDED AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME.

V. (A). ELECTRONIC WARFARE.

THE U.S. WILL PRESENT A STATEMENT ON ELECTRONIC WARFARE. THE STATEMENT WILL (1) SUGGEST THAT CNAD DIRECT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SUB-GROUP 11 TO REPORT THE POSITIONS OF NATIONS REGARDING COOPERATIVE CHAFF DISPENSER PROGRAMS WITHIN 90 DAYS AND (2) THAT CNAD SHOULD TASK EACH OF THE CHAIRMEN OF THE EW GROUPS AND COMMITTEES TO REPORT STATUS AND PLANS
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AT THE NEXT CNAD MEETING. CNAD CAN THEN RECOMMEND SPECIFIC ACTIONS TO HELP IMPROVE NATO EW CAPABILITY. YOU SHOULD ENCOURAGE THOSE NATIONS INTERESTED IN JOINT MULTINATIONAL EW TRAINING PROGRAMS TO CONSIDER ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT NATO EW TEST RANGE.

(B). STANDARDIZATION OF NEW RIFLE, LIGHT AND MEDIUM INFANTRY SUPPORT WEAPONS AND THEIR AMMUNITION.

YOU SHOULD SUPPORT DESIGNATION OF NATO STANDARD 7.62MM FOR RETENTION AS THE AMMUNITION FOR THE MEDIUM SUPPORT WEAPON. YOU SHOULD RECOMMEND INITIATION OF A STUDY OF ALTERNATIVES FOR A LIGHT SUPPORT WEAPON AND APPROVE THE NATO RIFLE SYSTEM TEST PROGRAM. SUPPORT ADOPTION OF THE U; STANDARD 5.56MM CARTRIDGE AS AN INTERIM NATO STANDARD

RIFLE CARTRIDGE. UNTIL COMPLETION OF THE NATO TEST PROGRAM, YOU SHOULD PROPOSE THAT NO DECISION ON CALIBRES OTHER THAN EXISTING 7.62MM AND 5.56MM BE MADE.

(C). SURFACE TO AIR MISSILES.

YOU SHOULD NOTE REPORT AND COMMENT AS APPROPRIATE.

(D). AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING.

YOU SHOULD NOTE STATEMENTS BY NATO REPRESENTATIVES AND ANNOUNCE A EUROPEAN DEMONSTRATION OF AWACS MARITIME CAPABILITY PRIOR TO THE APRIL 75 CNAD. YOU SHOULD NOTE THE EXCELLENT PROGRESS OF THE SHAPE ROC, STG AND STC EFFORTS BUT EMPHASIZE THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL TO COMPLETE THE FUNDING, MANAGEMENT, OWNERSHIP, OPERATIONS, AND CONTROL STUDY FOR APPROVAL BY THE APRIL 1975 CNAD IN ORDER TO MEET THE JUNE 1975 MINISTERIAL MILESTONE.

VI. ACTIVITIES OF THE FIVE MAIN GROUPS.

(A). MAIN TANK ARMAMENTS EVALUATION.

THE UK MAY LEAD THE DISCUSSION. YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE SCHEDULE AGREED UPON IN THE TRIPARTITE MOU. YOU MAY SUPPORT FRENCH PARTICIPATION AS OBSERVERS AND UNDER CONDITIONS DECIDED DURING THE US, UK AND FRG TRI-CONFIDENTIAL

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LATERALS.

(B). WEAPONS FOR THE ATTACK OF AIRFIELDS AND SHELTERED AIRCRAFT.

THE UK IS EXPECTED TO OFFER A PRESENTATION AND YOU SHOULD COMMENT AS APPROPRIATE. YOU SHOULD OFFER TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION AND IDEAS IN ORDER TO MAKE USEFUL PROGRESS IN COORDINATING OVERALL EFFORTS.

VII. NATO INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY GROUP (NIAG).

(A). REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF NIAG.

YOU SHOULD NOTE REPORT AND COMMENT AS APPROPRIATE.

(B). REPORT ON THE FEASIBILITY STUDY BY SUB-GROUP 2.

YOU SHOULD SUPPORT CONTINUATION OF FOLLOW-ON ACTIONS OF SUB-GROUP 2 AS A PROJECT GROUP PROVIDED THEY DO NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN PROPOSAL AND SOURCE EVALUATION.

NIAG SUB-GROUP 6. YOU SHOULD SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION TO CONTINUE WORK THROUGH PHASE II.A. AND ALLOW RESIDUAL PHASE I FUNDS BE APPLIED TO PHASE II.A.

VIII. FOLLOW-UP TO THE NATO EXPLORATORY CONFERENCE ON PRODUCTION LOGISTICS (NECPL).

YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT THE U.S. HAS REVIEWED THE THIRD REPORT TO THE NADREPS ON THIS SUBJECT. WHILE THE U.S. IS IN GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH MANY OF THE CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, THERE ARE SOME AREAS WHERE WE BELIEVE ADDITIONAL EFFORT IS REQUIRED. ACCORDINGLY, THE U.S. PLANS TO FORWARD THE RESULTS OF OUR REVIEW TO THE WORKING GROUP, WITH A COPY TO DR. TUCKER, FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION. IT SHOULD BE SUGGESTED THAT OTHER COUNTRIES MAY WANT TO FOLLOW THIS SAME PROCEDURE TO ASSIST THE WORKING GROUP IN ITS DETERMINATION OF THOSE AREAS WHERE FOLLOW-UP TO THE NECPL CAN BE MOST BENEFICIAL. INGERSOLL

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